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TAGS: CASC (SIPPLE, REGINA)

SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF AMCIT FROM USSR

1. MS. REGINA SIPPLE, BORN OCTOBER 29, 1952 IN COLORADO, PPT#: 050007432 ISSUED SAN FRANCISCO MAY 20, 1983, CALLED AT EMBASSY ON MAY 13 TO REPORT THAT SHE HAD BEEN DENIED ENTRY TO THE SOVIET UNION.

2. MS. SIPPLE ARRIVED MOSCOW ON MAY 12 WITH HER TOUR GROUP. SHE SAYS THAT UPON SEARCHING HER LUGGAGE SOVIET CUSTOMS OFFICIALS DISCOVERED TAPED CHILDRENS'S MUSIC ACCOMPANYING SMALL BOOKLETS. THE BOOKLETS CONTAINED THE "SERMON ON THE MOUNT" PRINTED IN ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN ON FACING PAGES. SHE WAS ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE BANNED LITERATURE INTO THE USSR AND THE MATERIAL WAS CONFISCATED.

3. AFTER BEING DETAINED OVERNIGHT SHE WAS REQUIRED TO RETURN TO HELSINKI. SHE CAME DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT TO EMBASSY. WE HAVE ARRANGED HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR HER AT THE RED CROSS (PUNAINEN RISTI) HOTEL, TEHTAANKATU 1, TELEPHONE 176811. SHE IS ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE AIRLINE TICKETS FOR RETURN TO U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. MS. SIPPLE HAS ASKED THAT HER PARENTS BE NOTIFIED THAT SHE IS WELL AND THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR HER WELFARE. PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS. CHARLES SPENCER, 10971 COVENTRY PLACE, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE 714 832 6907. COOPER

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